

I claim:

1. In a collapsible carton divider composed of a plurality of strips, at least one of which extending longitudinally and another of which extending transversely and being interconnected with one another, each said strip having oppositely facing front and rear walls, oppositely facing upper and lower horizontally extending edges and at least one slot which extends from one said edge toward the other said edge, the improvement wherein said slot terminates short of the mid way point between said edges and is defined by spaced apart side edges having an initial portion which commences at said one edge and extends generally vertically to an intermediate portion, and which extend further to a terminal portion, said intermediate portion having a substantial length, each said strip having a thickness which is greater than the distance which separates the side edges of each said slot in said intermediate portion but which is less than the distance which separates the side edges of said slot in said terminal portion, the former said distance being uniform throughout the length of said intermediate portion, the intermediate portion of each said slot of one said strip being in contact with the front and rear walls of another said strip to which said one strip is connected.

2. The collapsible carton divider of claim 1 wherein each said slot has a longitudinal axis, the longitudinal axis of each slot in said longitudinally extending strip being aligned with the longitudinal axis of a separate said slot in a transversely extending strip when said longitudinally and transversely extending strips are interconnected, said slots having aligned axes being

separated from one another by a space through which said aligned axes pass.

3. The collapsible carton divider of claim 1 wherein the side edges of the slot in the initial portion converging toward said intermediate portion

4. The collapsible carton divider of claim 1 wherein the side edges of the slot in the initial portion being parallel to one another.

5. The collapsible carton divider of claim 1 wherein the side edges of the slot in the terminal

portion being parallel to one another.

6. The collapsible carton divider of claim 1 wherein the side edges of the slot in the terminal

portion are circular.

7. The collapsible carton divider of claim 1 wherein the side edges of the slot in the terminal

portion are partly parallel to one another and partly circular.

8. The collapsible carton divider of claim 1 wherein the side edges of the slot in the initial portion are spaced apart substantially the same distance as the side edges of the slot in the intermediate portion.

9. In a collapsible carton divider composed of a plurality of strips, at least one of which extending longitudinally and another of which extending transversely and being interconnected with one another, each said strip having oppositely facing front and rear walls, oppositely facing upper and lower horizontally extending edges and at least one slot which extends from one said

edge toward the other said edge, the improvement wherein said slot in said transversely extending strip terminates short of the mid way point between said edges and is defined by spaced apart side edges having an initial portion which commences at said one edge and extends generally vertically to an intermediate portion, and which extend further to a terminal portion, said intermediate portion having a substantial length, each said strip having a thickness which is greater than the distance which separates the side edges of each said slot in said intermediate portion but which is less than the distance which separates the side edges of said slot in said terminal portion, the former said distance being uniform throughout the length of said intermediate portion, the intermediate portion of said slot of said transversely extending strip being in contact with the front and rear walls of one said longitudinally extending strip to which said transversely extending strip is connected.

10. The collapsible carton divider of claim 9 wherein each said slot has a longitudinal axis, the longitudinal axis of each slot in said longitudinally extending strip being aligned with the longitudinal axis of a separate said slot in a transversely extending strip when said longitudinally and transversely extending strips are interconnected, said slots having aligned axes being separated from one another by a space through which said aligned axes pass.

11. The collapsible carton divider of claim 9 wherein the side edges of the slot in the initial portion converging toward said intermediate portion

12. The collapsible carton divider of claim 9 wherein the side edges of the slot in the initial

portion being parallel to one another.

13. The collapsible carton divider of claim 9 wherein the side edges of the slot in the terminal portion being parallel to one another.

14. The collapsible carton divider of claim 9 wherein the side edges of the slot in the terminal portion are circular.

15. The collapsible carton divider of claim 9 wherein the side edges of the slot in the terminal portion are partly parallel to one another and partly circular.

16. The collapsible carton divider of claim 9 wherein the side edges of the slot in the initial portion are spaced apart substantially the same distance as the side edges of the slot in the intermediate portion.